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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 5242

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING DONATED DENTAL SERVICES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Health (DPH) commissioner, in consultation with the social services commissioner, to contract with (1) licensed dental professionals or (2) a statewide entity representing dental professionals to establish and operate a program providing charitable dental services to low-income families. The contract may include provisions to:

1. establish a network of volunteer dentists, dental specialists, dental laboratories, and other dental professionals to donate dental services to eligible people;
2. establish a system to refer eligible people to program volunteers;
3. develop and implement a public awareness program to inform eligible people about the program; and
4. provide the program with administrative and technical support.

The bill requires the DPH commissioner to report on the program to the Public Health and Human Services committees by January 1, 2013. The report must include (1) an accounting of all program funds, (2) a description of the program's services, and (3) the number of program participants and volunteer dental providers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2012

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference  
Yea 23 Nay 2 (03/09/2012)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/03/2012)